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Joint Resolution

To authorize the designation of a calendar week in 1986 and 1987 as National Infection Control Week.

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Whereas nosocomial infections directly cause more than twentythousand deaths each year and indirectly contribute to sixtythousand additional deaths;

Whereas one-third of all such infections are preventable;

Whereas the spread of infection in day care centers is a new source of concern; and

Whereas increased public awareness, dissemination of information, and assistance are essential to combat and prevent the problem of infection: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate a calendar week in 1986 and 1987 as National Infection Control Week and to call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies and the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

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